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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB LE

SUBJECT: REPORTED CRISIS AT IFPCW HEADQUARTERS

1. IFPCW PRES GEORGE SACRE HAS TOLD ME IN CONFIDENCE OF FRAGMENTARY INFO RECEIVED THAT APPEARS TO INDICATE A SERIOUS CRISIS HAS ENVELOPED IFPCW HEADQUARTERS AT DENVER. HE HAS HEARD REPORT THAT OCAW, FOR UNKNOWN REASONS, HAS THREATENED TO PULL OUT OF IFPCW. ALARMED AND INCREDULOUS OVER THIS INFO, HE FEARS THAT SUCH ACTION BY OCAA COULD WELL CAUSE DEMISE OF IFPCW.

2. COMMENT: ABOVE STORY HAS BADLY SHAKEN SACRE. IN ABSENCE OF HARD FACTS, HE IS BESET WITH UNCERTAINTIES BOTH OVER IFPCW AND OVER CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT OF US LABOR ABROAD IN PETROLEUM WORKERS SECTOR. TO EXTENT PRACTICABLE, I WOULD LIKE TO REASSURE HIM ON BOTH COUNTS. WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ANY INFO YOU COULD PROVIDE THAT I COULD PASS ALONG TO SACRE IN NEXT FEW DAYS AS WELL AS ANYTHING ELSE I (BUT NOT SACRE) SHOULD NEED TO KNOW. WOULD FURTHER SUGGEST THAT DICK SEARING, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH SACRE AT BEIRUT ON MARCH 18, BE PRIMED TO DISCUSS IFPCW/OCAW SITUATION WITH HIM.

3. I WOULD ADD THAT, EVEN BEFORE FOREGOING DEVELOPMENT CAME UP, I HAD BEEN PLANNING TO DISCUSS OVERALL IFPCW QUESTION WITH  
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YOU AT NEW DELHI. AT TIME OF EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR

CONTACTS WITH OIL WORKER UNIONS IN THIS REGION AND OF INCREASING  
SOVIET ATTENTION TO OIL WORKERS WORLDWIDE AND IN ME, IFPCW  
HAS SHOWN SCANT SIGNS OF RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE. CANNOT  
WAYS BE DEVISED TO OVERCOME IFPCW'S FINANCIAL AND OTHER CON-  
STRAINTS AND MAKE IT VIABLE AND EFFECTIVE IN THIS VITAL TRADE  
UNION SECTOR ?  
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